

# NIJ's New Investigator/Early Career Program

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## PURPOSE

**Provide new investigators an opportunity to build experience managing federal research grants.**

- Experience is a factor in future funding decisions
- Federal funding is hugely competitive
- Managing federal awards is a complex and time-intensive process

# Eligibility

- Terminal degree no more than four years ago
- Non-tenured assistant professor
- Not have previously served as a PI on an NIJ award.
  - Former fellows eligible
  - Former graduate research assistants eligible

# Types of Research Sought

- Social and Behavioral Sciences
  - Criminal justice and criminology
  - Public health
  - Psychology
  - Sociology
- Law
- Economics
- No STEM/hard sciences

# Application Requirements

*Strict requirements for complete applications*

- READ CAREFULLY
- Closely review program narrative requirements
- Ensure checklist is complete
  - Pg. 29 of solicitation
- Clearly name all uploaded attachments

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*See pg. 21-29 of solicitation for more information*

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH  
GRANTS.GOV

- Applicants must first:
  - Obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number
  - Register with the System for Award Management (SAM)

VISIT [WWW.GRANTS.GOV](http://WWW.GRANTS.GOV) FOR COMPLETE  
INSTRUCTIONS



# Review Process

**SOLICITATION CLOSES MAY 02, 2016. No applications will be accepted after 11:59 pm EST.**

- Review for BMR
- Review for eligibility and responsiveness
- Peer Review Panels
- Director briefing
- NIJ Director makes final funding decision
- Notification to applications likely in early July

# Related Professional Development Opportunities at NIJ

- W.E.B. Du Bois Program of Research on Race and Crime: <http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-9108.pdf>
  - Program includes a fellowship for investigators early in their careers
- Visiting Fellows:
- <http://www.nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-8890.pdf>
  - Residency program for leading researchers, practitioners, and researcher/practitioner partnerships



# Helpful Links

## [www.nij.gov](http://www.nij.gov)

- Solicitation:  
<http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-9152.pdf>
- Frequently asked questions:  
<http://nij.gov/funding/pages/solicitation-qa.aspx#NIJ-2016-9152>
- To apply: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- Podcast on developing a strong research proposal:  
<http://nij.ncjrs.gov/multimedia/audio-nijconf2010-get-funded.htm>